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Dear Şir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 31, 2006 (Paper No. 20060126).

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the aboveidentified application:

Species I (claims 1-5);

Species II (claims 6-10); and

Species III (claims 11-15).

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Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Species II corresponding to claims 6 to 10 for continued examination.

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